

HOUSE BILL 2405

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section  
40-23-116, relative to witnesses to an execution.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-23-116, is amended by designating the current subdivision (a)(7) as subdivision (a)(7)(A) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (7)(B):

(B) Where there are no surviving immediate family members of the victim who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, the warden shall permit up to three (3) previously-identified relatives or personal friends of the victim to be present and witness the execution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all executions carried out on or after the effective date of this act.